

Meeting Minutes of the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment October 13, 2021

Attendees:

Brian Gallagher, Rachel Thaxton, Dora Radford, Justin Smith, Amy Saunders, Steven Petrany, Tom Plymale, Christina Mullins, Carma Clute, James Berry, Heather McDaniel, Lyn O'Connell, Dr. Becker, Matt Christiansen, Dr. Maxwell, Jeff Sandy, Nicholas Stuchell, Jessica Smith, Kim Tieman, Betsy Jividen and Stephanie Thornton

Agenda Items

Review and approval of the Year Three Action Plan for the West Virginia 2020-2022 Substance Use Response Plan - Dr. Deborah Koester

The Council reviewed the proposed Action Plan.

The Council discussion contingency management for treatment of stimulant use disorder. The Council agreed there was a need to develop talking points to help legislators understand this concept.

Secretary Sandy reviewed the SafeZone project with the Council.

Prevention groups have been preparing for the November launch of medical marijuana.

Chairperson Gallagher opened the floor to discussion of if the Council should formulate a position on medical marijuana. The Council agreed that it should review this issue.

The Council discussed using a think tank process to discuss medical marijuana. They further agreed to educate themselves first and then formulate recommendations. The Council felt there was a large need for education. Captain Hunt asked that the Council involve prosecutors in any discussions

Councilmember Berry was to start with a smaller group with key stakeholders to set up the framework for the discussion with the larger council.

Dr. Berry moved that the Council accept the draft year 3 action plan. Dr. Maxwell seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Councilmember Pymale moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilmember Tieman seconded. The motion carried and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.